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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE  
SECONDARY BATTERY NEGATIVE  
ELECTRODE MATERIAL, MAKING  
METHOD, AND LITHIUM ION SECONDARY  
BATTERY

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Examiner: L. S. Weiner

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.